

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 16 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A head slider comprising:

a slider body; body having a trailing end surface defining a trailing end of the slider body farthest from a leading end of the slider body; and

a slit defined in a trailing end surface of the slider body, said slit extending from a trailing end of the slider body toward a leading end of the slider body; body so as to separate a movable block from a stationary block in the slider body, said movable block including a part of the trailing end surface, said stationary block including a remaining part of the trailing end surface separated from the part of the trailing end surface by the slit.

a movable block at least partly spaced from a stationary block of the slider body by the slit; and

a head element mounted on a trailing end surface of the movable block.

2. (Original) The head slider according to claim 1, wherein said slit defines an elongated plate extending from the stationary block to the movable block.

3. (Original) The head slider according to claim 2, wherein said plate is kept in an attitude standing from a plane including a medium-opposed surface of the slider body.

4. (Original) The head slider according to claim 3, wherein said movable block displaces in a direction perpendicular to a recording track.

5. (Original) The head slider according to claim 4, further comprising a microactuator mounted on the trailing end surface of the slider body across the slit.

6. (Original) The head slider according to claim 1, wherein a rail is formed on a medium-opposed surface of the movable block, an air bearing surface being defined on the rail.

7. (Original) The head slider according to claim 6, wherein said slit defines an elongated plate extending from the stationary block to the movable block.

8. (Original) The head slider according to claim 7, wherein said plate is kept in an attitude standing from a plane including a medium-opposed surface of the slider body.

9. (Original) The head slider according to claim 8, wherein said movable block displaces in a direction perpendicular to a recording track.

10. (Original) The head slider according to claim 9, further comprising a microactuator mounted on the trailing end surface of the slider body across the slit.

11. (Previously Presented) The head slider according to claim 1, further comprising another slit defined in the trailing end surface of the slider body, said another slit extending from the trailing end of the slider body toward the leading end of the slider body, wherein the movable block is defined between the slits.

12. (Previously Presented) The head slider according to claim 11, wherein each of said slits defines an elongated plate extending from the stationary block to the movable block.

13. (Previously Presented) The head slider according to claim 12, wherein a void is formed in the slider body, said void cooperating with the slits to define the elongated plates.

14. (Original) The head slider according to claim 13, wherein said void includes:

a first gap extending between the slits so as to define a leading end of the movable block; and

a pair of second gaps extending from opposite ends of the first gap toward the trailing end of the slider body , respectively, in parallel with the slits, said second gaps ending at positions spaced from the trailing end of the slider body.

15. (Original) The head slider according to claim 14, wherein said second gaps extend from the opposite ends of the first gap toward the leading end of the slider body, respective, in parallel with the slits.

16. (Currently Amended) A head assembly comprising:

a head suspension;

a slider body mounted on the head ~~suspension~~; suspension, said slider body having a trailing end surface defining a trailing end of the slider body farthest from a leading end of the slider body; and

a slit defined in ~~at the~~ trailing end surface of the slider body; ~~said slit extending from a trailing end of the slider body toward a leading end of the slider body;~~ body so as to separate a movable block from a stationary block in the slider body, said movable block including a part of the trailing end surface, said stationary block including a remaining part of the trailing end surface separated from the part of the trailing end surface by the slit.

~~a movable block at least partly spaced from a stationary block of the slider body by the slit, said movable block displacing relative to the head suspension; and~~

~~a head element mounted on a trailing end surface of the movable block.~~

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